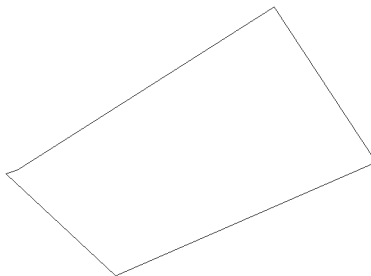




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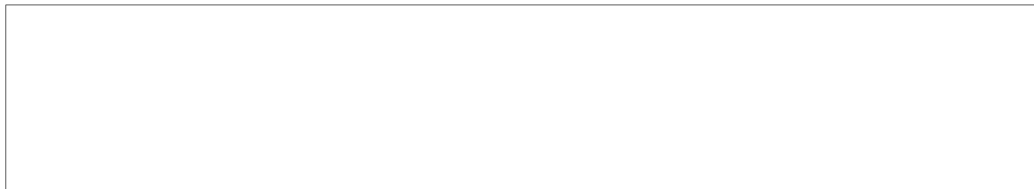
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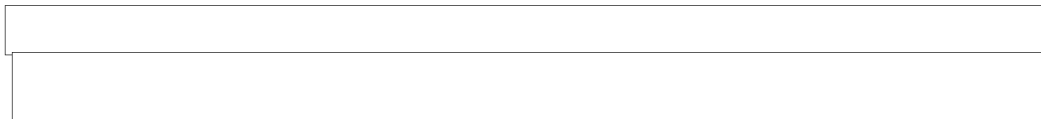
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ISRAEL-LEBANON: New Developments

The Lebanese cabinet appointed yesterday has begun work on the program it will present to parliament. [redacted]

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The new cabinet met yesterday and appointed a four-member committee headed by Prime Minister Wazzan to draft the program for presentation to parliament. [redacted]

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[redacted] Wazzan chose to establish a government of nonpolitical professionals because he was unable to resolve conflicting demands for representation by the many contending factions. The new cabinet received quick endorsement in a radiobroadcast from a station that supports former President Franjiyah, an archrival of the Jumayyils. [redacted]

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Comment: The exclusion of parliamentary deputies from the cabinet could weaken support for the government when it submits to the required initial confidence vote. The new government probably will have the backing of influential Assembly Speaker Kamal al-Assad, however, and the legislators are not likely to vote it down. [redacted]

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LIBYA: Possible Renewal of Murder Campaign

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Libyan leader Qadhafi has warned dissidents in exile that they all face a new campaign of assassination unless they return home.

Qadhafi's previous effort to kill dissidents extended from March 1980 to February 1981, leaving 11 Libyans dead and others wounded. In a speech on Thursday, Qadhafi called on all Libyan people's committees--in theory the country's governing bodies--to endorse the assassination policy, claiming it is "a war in self-defense." He indicated that the murder operations no longer would be carried out only by revolutionary committees or hit squads but that every Libyan who travels abroad is to be responsible for the elimination of regime enemies.

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Comment: Qadhafi's latest outburst and his move to withdraw from the UN reflect his intense frustration and rage stemming from developments in Lebanon and the failure of the OAU summit in Tripoli in August that was to gain him the OAU chairmanship.

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USSR-ETHIOPIA: Mengistu To Visit Moscow

TASS has announced that Ethiopia's Chairman Mengistu will make a working visit to Moscow in mid-October at the invitation of the Central Committee and the government. The Soviets have been host to Mengistu four times and, during his visit in 1978, a Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation was concluded.

Comment: Economic and military assistance issues are likely to dominate the coming bilateral talks, and Mengistu probably will seek to elicit stronger Soviet diplomatic backing to offset the expanded US role in Somalia. Moscow would hesitate to assume a more forward public stance on the Ethiopia-Somalia conflict, however, in part because it does not want to complicate its dealings with the Arab countries. The Soviets almost certainly will put pressure on Mengistu to establish a Marxist party, but they probably are aware that the chances of his complying are remote.

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USSR - SOUTH KOREA: TASS Officials To Visit Seoul

A South Korean Foreign Ministry official has told the US Embassy that three TASS representatives will visit Seoul next week for a UNESCO-sponsored meeting involving the Organization for Asian Pacific News Agencies. Although Seoul has played host to similar international meetings in the past, this will be the first time that the Soviets have attended such a session in South Korea.

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Comment: The TASS representatives evidently will be the first Soviets of any importance to visit South Korea since the Korean war, and their visit will be the most significant step to date in developing bilateral contacts. Although Moscow probably will remain cautious about expanding those contacts, Seoul will regard the visit as a breakthrough in its long-term effort to promote ties with Communist countries. The event also may be designed to signal Moscow's displeasure over North Korean President Kim Il-song's recent visit to Beijing. The Soviets have not criticized Kim's visit in public, presumably to avoid offending the Chinese while talks with them are in progress.

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SPECIAL ANALYSIS

WESTERN EUROPE: Policies on the Middle East

//West European governments continue to support US efforts to promote the withdrawal of foreign forces from Lebanon, and they generally approve of President Reagan's Middle East peace initiatives. Nevertheless, they intend to continue independent diplomatic activity in the hope of influencing a comprehensive settlement.// [redacted]

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//Most governments in Western Europe are promoting US peace efforts because they realize that Washington has greater influence than they over immediate developments in Lebanon, and believe that a rapid return to stability there is a prerequisite for a broad settlement in the region. Moreover, they view the new US proposals as approaching the EC's Venice Declaration and want to encourage further movement in US policy.// [redacted]

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Although EC members are unlikely to take major initiatives now, they probably will try to build their influence with Arab leaders by initiating new contacts.// [redacted]

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//Danish Foreign Minister Jensen, on the EC's behalf, already has met with ranking PLO representatives and conveyed the Ten's willingness to expand contacts if the PLO pledges to use only political means to achieve its objectives. In addition, lower level officials have suggested that the ministerial-level discussions between Arab and EC states initiated in 1980 be resumed as a way of reintegrating Egypt into the Arab bloc. EC states are considering sending Jensen to Lebanon and will continue supplying humanitarian aid and reconstruction assistance.// [redacted]

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French Attitudes

//The French currently support the US peace initiative, even though they view it as only a first step toward a comprehensive settlement in the Middle East involving

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Palestinian self-determination. They also have reacted positively to the Fez summit declaration, although they fault it for failing to recognize Israel. Paris will continue to advocate the French-Egyptian peace proposal in the UN Security Council as a potential middle ground between the US and Arab initiatives [redacted]

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Unless there are indications of progress toward peace, Paris may decide to make further positive gestures toward the PLO to support Arafat, whom it views as a moderate.// [redacted]

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Italy [redacted]

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//Italian participation in the multinational force in Lebanon suggests that Rome will seek a more active part in Middle East diplomacy, in keeping with its desire to play a major role in the Mediterranean. Rome supports the US peace plan and is somewhat skeptical of the Fez proposal. The Italians worry that the proposal's provision for UN Security Council guarantees might allow the Soviets to reassert their influence in the region.// [redacted]

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//Despite the recent meetings of Italian officials with Arafat, Prime Minister Spadolini remains personally opposed to recognizing the PLO. Strong sentiments favoring recognition in both the Socialist and Christian Democratic Parties, however, could force a shift in policy in the months ahead.// [redacted]

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